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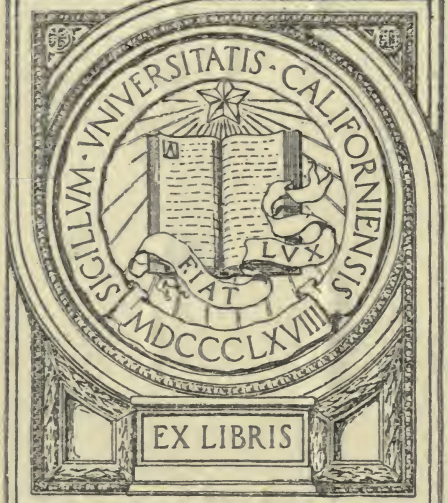

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LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA,

September 25, 1894.

To the Alumni of the University of California:

Gentlemen;—

The undersigned have been appointed by the Board of Regents a Committee on Legislation, and, in pursuance of our duties, desire to interest you in securing funds for the pressing needs of the University.

The University is outgrowing the hopes of its most sanguine friends. This year we have a Freshman Class of three hundred and sixty-three, and special students numbering fifty-six, making in all four hundred and nineteen, with a number of applications still pending. The total number of students will be more than one thousand. This calls for an increased force of Professors and Instructors.

New branches of study have been urgently called for, and added from time to time. For example, on the scientific side, electrical engineering has been developed at considerable expense: on the language side, a department of Semitic Languages has been newly organized. But the chief call for additional instruction is in the older and fundamental studies of the first two years, which comes from the large increase in the number of students. More than twice as many as entered in 1891 have already been received in 1894.

This large number of students, and the consequent necessity for the further subdivision of the classes, make it absolutely necessary to provide more room. There have been erected in the last four years the Chemical Laboratory building, costing, with contents, so far about $82,000; the Mechanical Engineering building, costing, with contents, about $82,000; and the Plant House, costing $13,500, making a total of about $178,000. The thorough equipment of the Mechanical Engineering building will cost about $80,000.

A few of the most immediate and urgent needs of the University are the following:

An Administration building, bringing the offices together, and furnishing a safe depository for the University records; leaving two suites of rooms, now in use, to be occupied as class-rooms.

A central Assembly Hall, for all public gatherings. There is no room at present which will hold half of the undergraduates. The Gymnasium is unsuited to public occasions, and much too small to accommodate our Commencement audiences.

A Museum building, where our valuable collections can be made secure, and our still unopened boxes can have their contents brought to light. In the present crowded quarters, much of the material is useless for purposes of instruction. In the new building rooms should be provided for the departments of science needing frequent access to the Museum collections, for material illustrative of their work.

Additions to the Library building. Rooms are needed for special libraries, and for the uses of seminary classes.

An Armory building for the accommodation of our very large battalion.

An addition to the Students' Observatory, which is utterly inadequate to contain the classes in Astronomy.

A separate building for young women. They constitute nearly a third part of the undergraduate membership, and patiently wait for better accommodations than can be given them at present.

The new buildings recently erected have exhausted all available funds. The largely-increased running expenses will absorb all the resources now provided, apart from further appropriations for building. To give needed accommodation for the growth and expansion of the University, the Regents will be compelled to ask of the next Legislature an appropriation for a reasonable sum to be expended strictly for buildings.

The present emergency is so peculiar and so urgent, that the future prosperity of the University may be said to depend largely on the timely help given promptly by the State. It would be poor policy to allow our unprecedented success to re-act upon us and check our healthful growth.

While we feel that every Californian should take an interest and have a pride in our great State University, we are sure that every Alumnus of it will have a special interest in his *Alma Mater* and that we can confidently call upon you to use your good offices in its behalf.

We ask of each of you that you see personally the candidates for the Senate and the Assembly in your respective districts and make known to them the needs of the University. After the election other matters will crowd upon their notice and it will not be so easy to get their attention and enlist their sympathies in behalf of our greatest educational institution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Martin Kellogg,
J. West Martin,
Arthur Rodgers,

Committee of the Board of Regents on Legislation.

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